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SUBJECT: THREE "DINAMICOS" JOIN COMMUNISTS IN FORMING NEW LABOR
COORDINATING BODY

1. THREE MEMBERS OF THE "GROUP OF TEN" JOINED COMMUNIST,
RADICAL AND SOCIALIST TRADE UNION LEADERS JUNE 2 IN ANNOUNCING
THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL TRADE UNION COORDINATING BODY
(COORDINADORA NACIONAL SINDICAL DE FEDERACIONES, CONFEDERACIONES,
ASOCIACIONES Y SINDICATOS) AND ELECTED AS ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
MANUEL BUSTOS, MEMBER OF THE "GROUP OF TEN" AND PRESIDENT OF
SUMAR TEXTILE WORKERS. BUSTOS IS PRESENTLY TRAVELING IN WEST
GERMANY AT THE INVITATION OF THE GERMAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.
ALAMIRO GUZMAN, COMMUNIST PRESIDENT OF THE MINE WORKERS
FEDERATION SAID AT THE JUNE 2 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE NEW
COORDINATING BODY WOULD NOT REPLACE THE OUTLAWED CUT BUT
THAT ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING TOGETHER INDEPENDENT WORKERS.

2. ALL LOCAL DAILIES PUBLISHED ANNOUNCEMENT JUNE 3 SAYING THAT
THE "GROUP OF TEN" AND COMMUNIST TRADE UNIONS HAD FORMED THE NEW
BOYD. "DINAMICO" MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING BODY, BESIDES THE
ABSENT BUSTOS, ARE JUAN MANUEL SEPULVEDA FORMER PRESIDENT OF FENSA-
MADEMSA UNION, AND HERNAN MERY FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SANITARY
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WORKERS UNION. COMMUNIST TRADE UNIONISTS INCLUDE GUZMAN, BOBADILLA,
PRESIDENT OF THE TEXTILE WORKERS FEDERATION, JUAN CASTILLO,
ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, SERGIO VILLALOBOS,
PRESIDENT OF THE FARM WORKERS CONFEDERATION RANQUIL AND HUMBERTO
VERGARA, PRESIDENT OF THE FARM LABORERS FEDERATION. SOCIALIST MEMBER
OF THE COMMITTEE IS MANUEL JUMENEZ, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
FEDERATION OF LEATHER AND SHOE WORKERS. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE

NEW GROUP IS RADICAL PARTY MEMBER SERGIO FREIHOFFER, A
FORMER DIRECTOR OF HEALTH WORKERS.

3. MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE "GROUP
OF TEN" HAVE TOLD LABATT THAT THEY ARE VERY UNHAPPY WITH THE
PARTICIPATION OF MERY, SEPULVEDA, AND BUSTOS IN THIS ALLIANCE
WITH COMMUNIST TRADE UNIONS. VOGEL SAID THAT THEY WILL HAVE
A MEETING JUNE 6 TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND
THAT, AT A MINIMUM, THE THREE WILL HAVE TO ISSUE A PUBLIC STATEMENT
DISASSOCIATING THEIR ACTIONS FROM THE "GROUP OF TEN". JIMENEZ
WENT FURTHER, THREATENING THAT HE WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE GROUP
UNLESS THE THREE PERSONS ARE EXPELLED.

4. COMMENT: OF THE PDC MEMBERS OF THE "GROUP OF TEN", MERY,
SEPULVEDA AND BUSTOS ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED THE MOST LEFT AND
CLOSEST TO CATHOLIC CHURCH LABOR ACTIVITIES (PASTORAL OBRERO
AND THE SEMI-DORMANT CARDIJN FOUNDATION). IN ADDITION, BUSTOS
AND SEPULVEDA ARE BOTH VICE PRESIDENTS OF CONFEDERATIONS HEADED
BY COMMUNISTS. THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS IN THE PAST
BETWEEN THESE THREE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ON WHETHER
AND HOW TO MAKE COMMON CAUSE WITH THE LEFT SIDE OF THE TRADE
UNION MOVEMENT.
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